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THE CURRENT SITUATION IN BRITISH GUIANA

25X1 The next few days will be a critical time, possibly the
occasion for fire and property damage, [REDACTED]

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to fear riots and have been sending their families away for
safety.

No attacks on the white minority, three per cent of the
total population, or on their property have been reported
during the crisis, even in anti-British demonstrations around
government buildings. Nevertheless, in September a few sugar-
cane fields were burned during an attempted general strike.
The American army attache in London states that the Communist-
led People's Progressive Party are reported planning to attack
both lives and residences of Europeans.

No violence is expected at the bauxite mines, some dis-
tance from the center of unrest at Georgetown and the sugar
plantations, where the PPP claims labor leadership. The
bauxite unions refused to join the PPP-led strike wave in
September.

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